

The Nation has some remarks on the anti-
slavery question in America which are well

next vessel offered was Her Majesty's screw-
 steamer *Oriando*, 3,740 tons; dimensions—
 length, 120 ft.; breadth, 22 ft.; depth, 10 ft.;
 built at Her Majesty's dockyard, Devonport,
 1858. She is fitted with a pair of horizontal
 trunk engines of 1,000 horse-power,
 by Messrs. Penn and Sons. The boilers, pro-
 vided by Messrs. Barclay and Corder, were
 not offered with the vessel, which is now
 lying at Her Majesty's Dockyard, Devonport.
 The first bid for this vessel was £4,000, then
 £3,000, and then £2,000. Bids of £250 were
 offered for the engines, but the Government of
 London was withdrawn. The next vessel on
 the list was Her Majesty's screw gun-boat
Defender, 270 tons; dimensions—length, 120 ft.;
 breadth, 22 ft.; 11 in.; depth, 9 ft. 7 in.; built at
 Her Majesty's dockyard, Devonport, 1858. She
 is fitted with a pair of horizontal engines of 60
 horse-power, by Raveland. The engines are on
 shore, and are sold as they lie. The boilers have
 been removed, and were not offered with
 the vessel. The first bid for the vessel was
 £1,000, and £800 only being offered she
 was withdrawn. The sixth vessel on the list
 was Her Majesty's screw gun-boat *Cherub*,
 dimensions—length, 107 ft. 10 in.; breadth, 22 ft.
 4 in.; depth, 7 ft. 10 in. Built at Northfleet by
 William Pitcher in 1855. She is fitted with
 a pair of horizontal trunk engines of 60 horse-
 power, by Raveland. The engines are on shore,
 lying at Her Majesty's Dockyard Devonport.
 £750 was first offered, and no bid being made
 for *Cherub*, the *Clinker* was withdrawn. The
 next vessel, which was offered, was Her
 Majesty's screw gun-boat *Conqueror*,
 dimensions—length, 95 ft.; breadth, 22 ft.;
 depth, 16 ft.; built at Pembroke in 1858;
 she is fitted with a pair of horizontal trunk
 engines, advanced from £200 to £600, in offers of
 £100 each, and then it ran in 210 bids till it
 reached £720. Mr. Edwin Ridley, the auction-
 eeer, at the close of the auction, said that the
 vessels that he had been bid that day, and that
 the vessels would be broken up if they were

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